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DAILY BRIEF
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1. North Vietnam

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2. Communist China

The line-up of Chinese leaders at today's Red Guard rally did little to clear up the mystery of who is winning out in the power struggle. Despite grave charges made by the Guards only two days ago against Chief of State Liu Shao-chi and party secretary Teng Hsiao-ping, both men showed up with Mao and the other leaders to watch one million Red Guards tramp past.

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3. Jordan

The Jordanian situation remains explosive, although the King survived a potentially dangerous Moslem sabbath.

Whipped up by sermons at morning prayers, Moslem worshippers broke from mosques in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem today for another round of riots against the King. Jordanian security forces opened fire and three civilians were killed before things calmed down. At last report, the streets were quiet.

Nasir was very careful in his speech yesterday. He could have inflamed the situation; instead, he chose not to attack King Husayn openly. Nasir

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knows that a revolution in Jordan might suck him into a war with Israel--a war he probably would lose.

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4. Laos

The small war goes on. With the end of the rains, Communist troops have begun sparring with friendly forces for hilltop positions overlooking supply routes in northern Laos. These are small unit actions with limited objectives--the Communists are reluctant to concentrate in large numbers because of increasingly effective tactical airstrikes against them.

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